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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MARSHALL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on ____________________

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited as the “Viral Gain of Function
5 Research Moratorium Act”. 
SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL RESEARCH GRANTS
FOR INSTITUTIONS AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES CONDUCTING GAIN-OF-FUNCTION RESEARCH.

(a) DEFINITION OF GAIN-OF-FUNCTION RESEARCH.—In this section, the term “gain-of-function research” means any research that—

(1) could confer attributes to influenza, MERS, or SARS viruses such that the virus would have enhanced pathogenicity or transmissibility in any organism; or

(2) involves methods that could enhance potential pandemic pathogens or related risky research with potentially dangerous pathogens.

(b) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no research grants supported by Federal funds may be awarded to institutions of higher education, or other research institutes, that are conducting gain-of-function research.